

**House Appropriations CJS Subcommittee Markup
FY 2002 Budget
Committee Report Requirements**

June 10, 2001

The following language requires reports from NOAA:

National Ocean Service

Geodesy – The Committee has included \$22,862,000 for NOAA's Geodesy programs, an increase of \$527,000 above fiscal year 2001 and \$938,000 above the request. No funding is provided for the National Spatial Reference System or for the South Carolina Geodetic survey. NOAA is directed to work with the states of Louisiana and Wisconsin to assess their requirements for similar programs, and report back to the Committee by September 15, 2001.

Program Support

The Committee directs NOAA through the Department of Commerce, to submit to the Committee an operating plan for expenditure of funds available to NOAA in fiscal year 2002, based on the Committee's distribution. In addition, the Committee directs NOAA to report to the Committee on a quarterly basis on the status of obligations against the Committee's distribution.

The following language refers to a report not received:

National Ocean Service

In the fiscal year 2001 Appropriations Act, the Committee directed NOAA to provide an assessment of the national impact of the Coastal Zone Management program and submit such assessment to the Committees on Appropriations no later than March 15, 2001. The Committee has not received this report. The Committee remains concerned that the program remains unauthorized, and has questioned whether NOAA's program is duplicative of programs under the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Agriculture.

The following language from the Department of Commerce section refers to reports that require NOAA input:

***Department Salaries
Salaries and Expenses***

The Committee directs the Department of Commerce to provide quarterly reports on obligations of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Patent and Trademark Office, and the Bureau of the Census. The Department is directed to consult with the Committee prior to submitting the first report, covering the first quarter of fiscal year 2002.

Further, the General Accounting Office has raised concerns that the Commerce Administrative Management System (CAMS) does not meet core financial requirements to timely produce a usable accounts payable list and does not have archiving capabilities. The Committee directs the Department of Commerce to review these concerns and provide a report on the findings to the Committee no later than August 30, 2001.

The Committee continues its direction for the Department to submit quarterly reports providing details of all office moves, openings, reductions, and closings, which will be considered as reprogrammings under Section 605 of the Act.

The following language is directive, and may require reports:

Operations, Research, and Facilities

The Committee reminds NOAA that administrative charges levied against certain activities assigned in the bill are limited to no more than five percent. Language carried in prior years regarding funding and personnel in Executive Direction and Administration has been discontinued, as proposed.

Further, the Committee expects NOAA to follow the direction given in this section of the report (transfers, prior year deobligations), as well as the sections addressing the Committee's reprogramming requirements.

National Ocean Service

Further, the Committee directs NOAA to enter into a long-term lease or charter of a U.S. purpose-built, U.S. flag hydrographic survey vessel which is capable of performing the full scope of necessary hydrographic services.

National Marine Fisheries Service

The Committee remains concerned at the increasing number of lawsuits against NMFS. In last years' conference agreement, a total of \$21 million was provided to assist NOAA in meeting its research requirements due to lawsuits. The Committee has continued this funding level in fiscal year 2002.

The Committee directs NMFS to ensure that information from fishery observers and state data is incorporated into the National Fisheries Information System. The Committee recommendation includes \$2,350,000 to ensure this coordination.

The Committee directs NMFS to devote resources to expedite its review of the Walla Walla Corps of Engineers' environmental assessment.

**House Markup
Required Reports**

<u>LINE/STAFF OFFICE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>
National Ocean Service	Geodesy Based Programs in Louisiana/Wisconsin	September 15, 2001
National Ocean Service	Coastal Zone Management	March 15, 2001
National Marine Fisheries Service	National Fisheries Information System Database Report	Ad hoc
National Marine Fisheries Service	Walla Walla Corps of Engineers Environmental Assessment	ASAP
Program Support	Operating Plan for Expenditures - FY02	ASAP
Program Support	Status of Obligation	Quarterly
NOTE: MUST CONSULT WITH COMMITTEE PRIOR TO SUBMITTING THE FIRST REPORT FOR FIRST QUARTER OF FISCAL YEAR 2002.		
Program Support	CAMS	August 30, 2001
Program Support	Office Relocations	Quarterly